



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Love one another.”  
- Jn 13:34a

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"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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### St. Rita of Cascia Novena

The Novena starts  
on May 13<sup>th</sup>  
and ends on May 21<sup>st</sup>,  
the day before her  
Feast Day of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Copies of the novena are available in the  
narthex or can be found on our website:  
[www.st-ritas.org/st--rita-of-cascia-novena](http://www.st-ritas.org/st--rita-of-cascia-novena)

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers, are you looking for a unique program to make a difference? There are people with age-related challenges right here in our parish. Our Harmony Club provides respite care for both clients and caregivers. We rely on the dedication and support of volunteers like you to make this social day program a success! Volunteers spend their day with clients in conversation, enjoying entertainment, craft activities and playing bingo. We meet from 9:30 to 3:30pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please call Dawn at 262-880-5301 or Danielle at 254-319-2535 for more information.



### Ministers - May 21 & 22

Deacon Greg will be assisting at all masses.

#### Lectors

- 4:45 PM Sharon Gierahn  
Diana Lerro
- 8:00 AM Jo Ann Rosenow  
Doug Noe
- 10:30 AM Georgiana Donohue  
Myra Fox

#### Eucharist

- 4:45 PM Jane Hardy  
**Lee Kaiser**
- 8:00 AM David Eberle  
**Barb Schmitz**
- 10:30 AM **Katie DeGroot**  
Kevin McCabe  
Cathy Ramage

#### Altar Servers

- 4:45 PM Lily Nguyen  
John Nguyen
- 8:00 AM Noah Salchow
- 10:30 AM Henley Hansen  
Mona Prideaux

### THANK YOU!!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

#### Weekend of May 8

Envelopes (71 donors)	\$6,493.00
Plate (loose cash)	\$497.90
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,990.90</b>

### Parish Activities

#### MONDAY 5/16

6:00 PM Scouts - *Cascia Hall*

#### TUESDAY 5/17

7:00 PM Finance Council - *East Meeting Room*

#### WEDNESDAY 5/18

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Church*

#### THURSDAY 5/19

#### FRIDAY 5/20

#### SATURDAY 5/21

3:30 PM Reconciliation - *Church*

#### SUNDAY 5/22

### Parish Staff Directory

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5/14 St. Matthias, Apostle

Vigil Mass: 5th Sunday of Easter
4:45 PM † Don Wilson
by Phil and Annette and family

Sunday 5/15 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners
10:30 AM † Tom Catrine by Connie Kurhajec

Monday 5/16
No Mass

Tuesday 5/17
8:00 AM † Judith A. Ekman by Yong & Sunsook Auh

Wednesday 5/18 St. John I, Pope and Martyr
8:00 AM † Carol & Bob Phegley by their family

Thursday 5/19
8:30 AM † Rose Ann Brunzman by the Kerns Family

Friday 5/20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
8:00 AM † Rita Adamczyk by Sharon Gierahn

Saturday 5/21 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs

Vigil Mass: 6th Sunday of Easter
4:45 PM † John & Dorie Madala by their family

Sunday 5/22 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Wesley & Veronica Rosenberg
by their children
10:30 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

Pray for Our Parishioners

Courage & Protection
for those serving in the
Armed Forces

LT CDR Jack L. Ramage (Navy)
CPT Eric Ramage (Army)
LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army)
AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)

Comfort & Healing
for the homebound,
those who are ill &
for their caregivers

John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer,
Eva Brittelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda
Fidler, Karen Garbo, Rita Hejny, Jack
Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Josephine
Isaacson, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral,
Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen
Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long,
Ralph Lorentzen Ann Johnson
Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Chuck Majeski,
Sarah Marquardt, Gabrielle Lee
Martinez, Andrew Mattes, Dolores
Meza, Berneice Otis, Mark Quinn,
Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa
Smith, Germane Suchla, Judi
Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Kamala
Venu, Don & Rose Veselik, Dorothy
Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner
Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy
Zambo

Comfort & Peace
for our Deceased &
their loved ones

Mass Readings - Week of May 15, 2022

Table with 2 columns: Day (Sunday through Next Sunday) and Mass Readings (Acts, Psalms, and Gospels).

Pope Francis Wants Your Opinion!

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in a worldwide Synod, or consultation process. Lend your voice to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's response to Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality!

Visit https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/Synodality.htm or https://tinyurl.com/5n6z4547 and share your thoughts.



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Stanley B. Witkowiak Council 697
Msgr. Anthony G Weiler Assembly 1207



2022 Knights of Columbus 4th Annual Golf Outing

WHEN Golf Outing Date: Friday June 10, 2022
Early Registration Deadline is May 20, 2022
Final Registration Deadline is May 31, 2022

WHERE Ives Grove Golf Links, Yorkville, WI

COST \$100 Per Golfer if paid by May 20 or \$110 after that date.
Fee Includes 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Beverage Ticket, Gift Bag, Lunch, Dinner
\$20 Dinner Only

DETAILS SCRAMBLE FORMAT
10:00 - 11:15 am Registration, lunch & Raffle Sales
11:30 am Shotgun Start
5:00 pm Cash Bar, Dinner, Raffles, and Awards

In the event of rain, a rain check for golf will be given to all golfers. The Dinner and Raffles will be held as scheduled.

Proceeds will Support KC numerous Charitable, Patriotic and Community Programs.

For more information, contact Ken Sack (262-488-3807) or Jim Sisak (262-884-9505)

For online registration, donations, or for more information go to our web site:

Birdease.com/KofC697Race



*The St. Rita Human Concerns Commission*  
is beginning a new speaker series

**Session 1:**

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING LIVING OUR FAITH

**When:** Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Where:** St. Rita Parish  
4339 Douglas Ave.  
Racine, WI 53402  
Meet in the new church at the end of the boulevard.

**Presenters:**

**The Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba**  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Milwaukee

**Mr. Robert Shelledy**  
Director of Dignity of the Human Person  
Coordinator of Social Justice Ministry  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Come join us to learn about these principles that are deeply rooted in scripture and leave with examples of how to live them out in your life.

**Save the Date:**

Nov 6, 2022: Life and Dignity of the Human Person  
Dec 4, 2022: Call to Family, Community & Participation  
Feb 5, 2023: Rights and Responsibilities



**Catholic Social Teaching Living Our Faith speaker series  
on May 15, 2022 will be live streamed at:  
<https://youtu.be/rZIFvwbjtUQ>**

## Join us this Summer for Vacation Bible School: Rocky Railway!

Held at St. Rita's School

June 13-17 from  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register Here!  
<http://vbspro.events/p/racine>



## Seminary Golf Outing & Cocktail Reception

You are invited to support the formation of holy priests by attending Saint Francis de Sales Seminary's Pallium Scholarship Benefit on Monday, June 13 at the beautiful Wisconsin Country Club. Golf away the afternoon and/or join Seminary supporters at the outdoor reception with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Your help in raising scholarship funds will ensure that financial concerns do not stand in the way of a faith-filled man who has been called to the priesthood. For more details, go to [www.sfs.edu/golf](http://www.sfs.edu/golf) or call (414) 747-6463.





August 19, 20, and 21

## St. Rita 2022 Parish Festival

### Available Sponsorship Packages

#### Festival Main Food Tent Sponsorships

**Largest Food Venue at the Festival – Three Popular Food Offerings**

Includes sponsor's name/logo on:

- Super-large 3'x10' Tent Name Banner
- Large exterior menu board
- Large interior menu board
- Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

**Sponsorship Fees (each area):**

**Italian Food - \$500**

**American Favorites - \$500**

**Roasted Corn & Baked Potatoes - \$500**

#### Basket Raffle Tent Sponsorship

**High long-term traffic for duration of Festival**

Includes sponsor's name/logo on:

- Super-large 3'x10' Tent Name Banner
- Cookie Menu Board
- Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

**Sponsorship Fee: \$600**

#### Information / Games Tent Sponsorship

Includes sponsor's name/logo on:

- Super-large 3'x10' Tent Name Banner
- Large Activity Board
- Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

**Sponsorship Fee: \$500**

#### Beer Barrel Sponsorships

Signs are placed on beer caddies in the Entertainment Tent with donors' names.

**Suggested Donation: \$100**

#### Festival Brochure Sponsorships

Distributed to 75+ local businesses and all Festival guests

Sponsor acknowledgement in church bulletin

**Block ads available at \$350 each**

**One-line ads available for \$150**

#### General and "In-Kind" Product Donations

St. Rita Parish will gratefully accept individual and anonymous cash donations for any amount in support of the Festival. Donations of products and materials for operations can be coordinated with the parish office for a list of needed items. Please contact the parish office (262-639-3223) for more information.

Return this completed form to: St. Rita Parish, 4339 Douglas Avenue, Attn: Suzanne Kroes, Racine WI 53402

Sponsor Package Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Rita Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Package Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Terms and conditions:* Sponsor will receive Banner and Sign Business name placement with room for button-sized logo drop-in. Packages with ads (i.e., tickets, brochures) allow for custom designs. For bookkeeping records, the EIN of St. Rita Parish is 39-1017054. Payment in full to be provided by Sponsor within 30 days, with check payable to St. Rita Parish and mailed to: St. Rita Parish, 4339 Douglas Avenue, Racine WI 53402, Attn: Suzanne Kroes. Phone is (262) 639-3223.

Form can also be found on our website at: <https://www.st-ritas.org/festival>





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